

MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL An Independent Public School

LAWLEY UPDATE 3 Term 1 No. 3 2017

Mount Lawley Senior High School has been a busy place since the last update. As we head into the first

term break, we have provided various opportunities for parents and community members to participate in the school, whether through special interest groups or just by dropping by and having a coffee every

Wednesday fortnight at the Coffee Club at school.

The school ball was held at the Hyatt again and was well attended even though it was a Saturday night event. The organisation by Ms Tempone and her crew should be commended and the resulting décor of "Frozen" was outstanding.

The school has held several night time events aimed at communicating with parents and students on various aspects of schooling. All year 12s have had a presentation regarding the understanding of ATAR, 10% bonus, TEA and averages! The Year 5/6 Parent Information Evening was again a hugely successful night. Prospective parents were kept well informed on what it is like to be a student of Mount Lawley SHS and it was a great showcase for the school. The SVAPA parent information evening was also attended by many parents wishing to get their children into the program. Again, the session was well subscribed with parents asking many questions.

The Progress reporting night was again hugely successful. This is the first year we have had the extended session early in the year and from all reports, there was a very positive community response. The Career Expo exhibitors were also present on the night and it was probably the most successful expo to date with many students and parents looking at the options with regard alternative courses and pathways that are available.

Transperth may look at a trial of the No 60 school bus to arrive at school at 3.05pm leaving at 3.10pm from the school bus bays. We will keep you informed of the progress.

The school has been involved in a great number of events throughout the term involving students in a

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CONGRATULATIONS



Thomas 11H2, was awarded the Australian Scout Medallion, being amongst the best Scouts of Western Australia and presented with the highest achievement available to a Scout in Australia. This award was presented at the yearly Scout Youth Awards ceremony

at Government House. Thomas is now in his 2nd year as a Venturer and half way to achieving the top Venturer, and worldwide recognised award, the Queens Scout. Congratulations Thomas.



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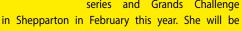
Oscar 11F1 won the Club Final, the Zone Final and now is through to the District Finals Lions Youth of the Year contest. He spoke on the topic of the US Presidential Election, and was interviewed by four judges at each round, we wish him all the best in the upcoming finals.



Felicity 902 was selected to the WA State Development Squad for 2017 and

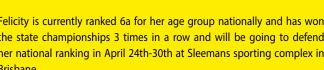
was lucky enough to selected to the Crisp Bros racing team.

Felicity has already competed in round 2 of the BMX national series and Grands Challenge



attending round 4 of the BMX national series and Grands Challenge in Cairns and then will be then flying down to Brisbane to attend training session in Brisbane and compete in a few different local

Felicity is currently ranked 6a for her age group nationally and has won the state championships 3 times in a row and will be going to defend her national ranking in April 24th-30th at Sleemans sporting complex in



2017 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME



Applications close Friday 7th April

A THOUGHT

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school **Albert Einstein**

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great range of opportunities. The debating teams are up and running again, Drama is in full rehearsal mode, competitions have taken place in many different learning areas, Achiever's breakfast, Parent information evenings and camps have been high on the agenda. When all is added up, more than three quarters of the school's population has been involved in some event throughout the course of this term which culminated in the Arts Festival Day last Friday. The multi arts approach to the day was sensational. All students have the opportunity to participate in this event which is held annually. There is everything from music to theatre to art, food stalls, chalk drawing and other activities are there for all to participate in. It was certainly our best Festival yet! And like all whole school events, it takes considerable time and effort by many individuals to make it happen.

The school's photo photo day was conducted and photos will soon be available. Suzi Barnes our Healthy Active Coordinator and our Chaplain Andrew Paul have been visiting the local primary schools introducing prospective students to Mount Lawley SHS. We communicate and share ideas with our primary schools on a regular basis through our Network meetings.

The P&C has finalised their members list having elected John Pryor a long-time supporter of the school as President, Niall Kilcullen as Vice President, Mark Westera, as Treasurer, Karen Johnstone as Secretary, Sharon Cockcroft as Minutes Secretary Sue Faranda and Suzi Barnes as Committee Members, and Randal Wells as the Board Representative. Parent support groups play a valuable role within the school community and the GAT, Languages, Music and SVAPA group are commended to parents with students within those programs. Another volunteer group, the Art Auction Committee, is already making inroads towards the big day and will again deliver one of the best community-based art auctions in the state. Ms Patricia Kritas the convenor, has been busily rallying the troops in readiness for the big event.

The School Board has welcomed new members to its team chaired by Dr Jenny Fay, Parent Members Adam Miles, Nigel Becroft, Community Members Bernard Rumens, Dr Mandie Shean, Keith Bales, Rob Bryant and Cameron Brook ex officio and Staff Members Anne Tumak, Anne Gilchrist and Student Members Jason and Alice. The School's Annual Report 2016 has been completed and endorsed by the School Board and is now available on the school's website as well as the department website.

Michael Camilleri, Principal

"This morning I was on a transperth heading in to the city as the bus approached the hill near shell petrol station there was a lady who had either fallen or been knocked off her bike standing on the other side of the road where 2 boys from Mount Lawley Senior High School. When safe to do so one of the boys crossed the road to find out if the lady was ok and helped.

I'm unsure of the boys name but he is a real credit to both school and community

I would also like to mention I catch Transperth bus 19 on a regular basis and all the Mount Lawley Senior High School students that catch that bus are very polite and are also a credit to both their school and community..."

SCHOOL BOARD

Congratulations are extended to those elected to positions on the School Board. The following members were elected/appointed.

Parent Representative: Mr Adam Miles **P&C** Representative: Mr Randal Wells Staff Representative: Ms Anne Gilchrist

Year 10

Student Representative: Ming (Alice)

Community Representatives: Dr Jenny Fay (Chair)

Mr Bernard Rumens Mr Keith Bales

The Chair of the Board for 2017 is Dr Jenny Fay who was re-elected unopposed. Thanks to Dr Fay for accepting this significant role within the school community.

SCHOOL PSYCH CORNER **IVA FILIPOVSKA, SENIOR SCHOOL**

PSYCHOLOGIST

Dear parents/caregivers,

Please refer to the School Psychologist wiki page:

ifilipovska.wixsite.com/schoolpsychcorner

and look up the Cybersafety tab for new updates about Parental Controls for smart devices and computers. The Parenting tab also has new information about parenting support services.

Thank you, Iva Filipovska **Senior School Psychologist**



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SAVE THE DATE LAWLEY ALUMNI ENGAGE

The school will be hosting an event for our alumni - our past students and staff.

We will be profiling the various ways our alumni are involved in the school already, and exploring some new opportunities.

So if you are interested in using your skills and/or enthusiasm to help out the school, or if you are just interested in finding out what is going on ... or even just keen to have a look at how much the school has changed, then please join us.

Date: Wednesday 21 June 2017

Venue: Staff Room Time: 7:00pm

Wine and canapés will be served.

Further details will appear on the School's website and Facebook page, as well as the Lawley Alumni Facebook page.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLEY TERM 1 AWARDS















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WEEK 8 - MIDDLE / SENIOR - CORNELL NOTE TAKING

Note Taking should be much more than purely writing. Optimal learning occurs when students use both sides of their brains. They should also gather information by hearing, seeing, feeling and sensing it using their dominant Multiple Intelligences, Learning Styles; (drawing idea maps, using thinking tools, making lists, creating flowcharts and using abbreviations.) An excellent note taking process which will achieve these things is the Cornell method.

When taking notes in class, many students try to write down everything that the teacher says and consequently find great difficulty keeping up. This puts them under pressure and tests their resilience to stay focussed and engaged which may lead to anxious feelings. This approach is a non-thinking transfer of knowledge; just trying to fill the bucket.

The 80/20 Principle is an effective listening and note taking technique. It involves listening attentively for 80% of the time and writing/posing questions/recording/drawing for 20% of the time.

Questioning what they are listening to lights the fire in their brains to start looking for connections to previously learned material. Their brains are engaged in exploring and searching for meaning and patterns; real learning. It encourages them to use the character strengths open-mindedness, perspective and curiosity.

"Minds are like parachutes, they only function when open."

Thomas Dewar

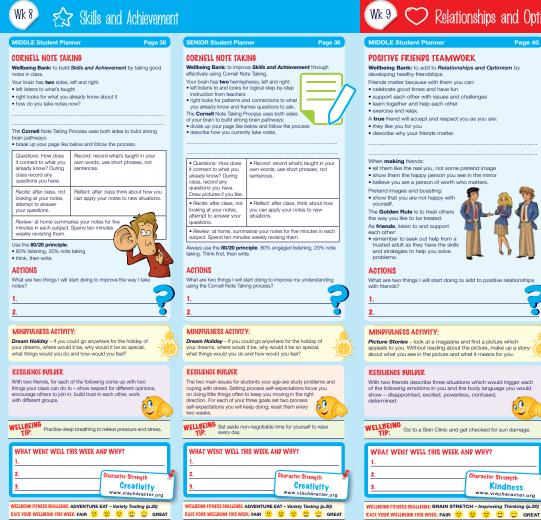
WEEK 9 - MIDDLE / SENIOR - POSITIVE FRIENDS TEAMWORK

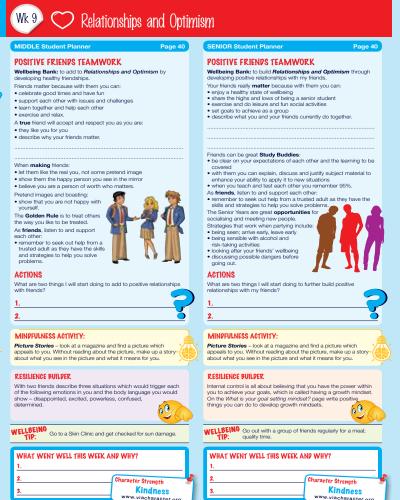
Nearly everything we achieve in life is with and through people, side-by-side and face-to-face. Being able to build rich and caring relationships with other people is essential to students' wellbeing. Social-connectedness is the single greatest factor in people being happy. Friends are like oxygen for all of us, especially adolescents and it is also important for them to have a number of friendship groups; should one have conflict, they have others to turn to.

There are many components to building friendships. They include living and learning collaboratively, cooperatively and respectfully with other people; living by giving to make a positive difference to others' lives; focusing on mutual respect – everyone is special – expect it and respect it; appreciating others and their strengths to learn from them by asking tell me more; mindfully listening with their eyes, their ears and their heart – being fully present; being true to themselves – respect the person you see in the mirror, and build empathy for others' feelings, needs and views.

Close knit friendship groups provide students and teachers with opportunities to: enjoy leisure activities, learn and study together, share good and not so good times together and combine their strengths to achieve what they set out to do.

"A friend is someone who accepts you the way you are." Confucius





WELLBEING FITNESS CHALLENGE: BRAIN STRETCH – Improving Thinking (p.20)
RATE YOUR WELLBEING THIS WEEK: FAIR

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WEEK 10 - MIDDLE /SENIOR- HOME WORK STATIONS

Extending students' learning beyond the classroom, builds their independence, brain pathways and growth mindsets to explore and learn. One of these learning environments is at home. A special place to study is highly desirable and this area should be predominantly used for that purpose. Over time, their brains will build patterns that associate that place with study, thus developing it as a habit and reducing barriers to getting started. Plenty of colour in this area stimulates students' brains.

Many families find space a problem and a special study area very difficult to provide. In these cases, the best scenario is to create as many of the features for an efficient learning/study area as possible; well lit, quiet, warm and comfortable, a copy of their Personal Timetable and a Forward Planner on the wall, well-resourced with stationery and a computer, away from distractions – especially TV, mobile phones and loud music; quiet rhythmic music can actually enhance learning.

Studying in front of the TV is a total waste of time because their brains' attention cannot compete with the brightness, noise and movement on the screen. Studying in bed is ineffective because the brain relates bed to sleep, not study.

"A person can only grow as much as his/her horizons allow."

John Powell

WEEK 11 - MIDDLE / SENIOR - PROCESS SELF-EXPECTATIONS

Students need to be taught that achieving the goals they set for themselves each term is a journey of setting short term (two week) process self-expectations to provide them with meaning and purpose for what they do. Accomplishing them and then setting new ones, believing, understanding and accepting that you can grow your brain's abilities by lifting your efforts to learn new approaches are called growth mindsets. All learning is following incremental processes, and when one way doesn't work, seek other ways that will.

There are two types of self-expectations, *Process and Performance*.

Process – setting little things to achieve regularly to move you toward your goals – growth mindsets.

Performance – setting a benchmark to achieve and ignoring what you need to do to achieve it – fixed mindsets.

As Michael Jordan often said, that to achieve something, you must set expectations of yourself. Teaching students to set process – not performance – self-expectations, gives them hope for the near future and keeps them connected to themselves moment by moment. It focuses them to use their signature and top supporting strengths to continually lift their effort to explore new ways to approach what they need to accomplish and builds their attention and broadens their engagement to now, which creates positive emotions in them.

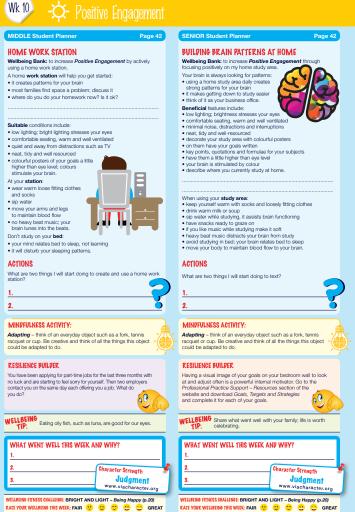
"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen, and thinking what nobody has thought." **Albert Szent-Gyorgyi**

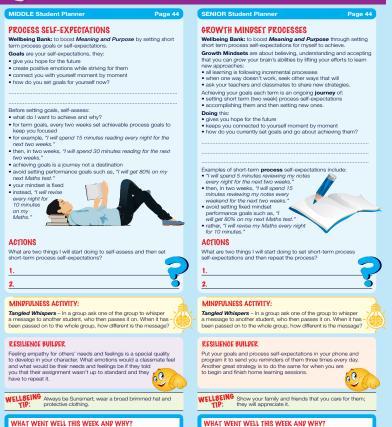
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WELLBEING FITNESS CHALLENGE: EMOTIONS SPOTTING – Mindful Feelings (p.20)
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WEEK 12 - EXERCISE AND LEISURE

A balanced student lifestyle places equal emphasis on all their elements of wellbeing. They work together, like their signature and top supporting strengths, to create harmony and build their wellbeing. A shortfall in any of these adversely affects the others and in time sees a build up of tense feelings. This is particularly so if the Skills and Achievement element is pushed too hard and the Exercise and Health element is ignored. Research has revealed that active and positive people are more likely to achieve what they set out to do and are less ill.

All students' Personal Timetables should include at least an hours pulse lifting exercise every day, quality outdoor leisure activities with friends and family which are light and bright and frequent opportunities to have fun and laugh with others to experience positive emotions. Happy students enjoy and flourish on their school journey.

Some quality physical and brain leisure activities include a brisk walk, run, swim or bike ride, yoga, aerobics, pilates, gym workout, tai chi, surfing, skateboarding, bushwalking, playing sport, zumba, dancing, gymnastics, resistance training, chess, board games, suduko, crosswords, scrabble, cards, etc. It's also essential to ensure that students have plenty of timeout from electronic pursuits.

"Great minds have purposes, others have wishes."

Washington Irving





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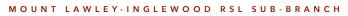
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ANZAC DAY SERVICE



The Mount Lawley-Inglewood RSL Sub-Branch warmly invite current and ex-service personnel and all members of the community to attend the 2017 Anzac Day Service

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017 AT 8AM MOUNT LAWLEY WAR MEMORIAL CORNER OF CLIFTON CRESCENT & QUEENS CRESCENT

At the conclusion of the official wreath laying ceremony, the general public are welcome to place their tribute at the Memorial.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE:



\$10 per person

We recommend that tickets are pre-purchased by 21 April 2017 as numbers are limited via:

www.trybooking.com/PEOD or by calling 9262 8594 or 9471 2100

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST STIRLING LIONS CLUB

The Stirling Lions Club will host their annual "Gunfire Breakfast" sausage sizzle at the War Memorial site.



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GuitarWorks is holding "Free School Holiday Guitar Workshops" for anyone interested in learning guitar. These 11/2 hour demonstrations cover all aspects of guitar playing and styles. Bookings essential, for more info contact Stefan Cutri quitarworks@iinet.net.au Mob: 041 444 8907



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Held over 2 sessions
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- Understanding adolescence: a time of reconstructions, redeveloping social landscapes, brainsnaps and body make-overs
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- parents

 Working out how NOT to respond in tricky emotional encounters
- Building your relationship with your teenager
- How to hold difficult conversations more successfully when discussing issues such as internet overuse, sibling conflict, disrespect, truancy, going out, school work, helping out, choice of peers... and much more.

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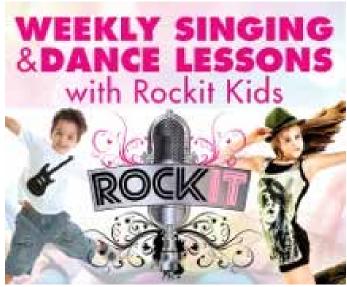
ROCKIT KIDS TERM 2 - Friday April 28-June 16 Let your little Pop Stars loose! After school classes for 4-12yrs

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EDUCATION BLOG

My name is Polly, I run one of the biggest student blogs that talks about study tips, music tutorials and other educational matters that are related to high school students. I have personally interviewed students who achieved an ATAR of 95+ and discovered how they achieved the outstanding results, such as their study habits. I also reach out to local educators and invite them to share their tips, stories and experiences.

Below are some of the latest articles:

20 Study Habits Top Students Have | ATAR 95+

Choosing Subjects for Years 11 & 12

Piano Practice Routine For Beginners